



# COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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## ADOPTED

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, California 90012

21 February 8, 2011

*Sachi A. Hamai*  
SACHI A. HAMAI  
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Dear Supervisors:

**AWARD CONSULTANT SERVICES AGREEMENTS FOR AS-NEEDED ENVIRONMENTAL  
ASSESSMENT AND REMEDIATION SERVICES FOR VARIOUS PROJECTS LOCATED  
THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES  
(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS)  
(3 VOTES)**

### **SUBJECT**

This action is to authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to proceed and award consultant services agreements for as-needed environmental assessment and remediation services.

### **IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:**

1. Find that the work is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act.
2. Award and authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to execute as-needed environmental assessment and remediation consultant services agreements with Coffey Environments, Inc.; Frey Environmental, Inc.; Geocon West, Inc.; Leighton Consulting, Inc.; Tetra Tech, Inc.; TRC Solutions, Inc.; URS Corporation Americas; and Worley Parsons Group, Inc. The agreements will provide as-needed environmental assessment and remediation services for a 1-year period commencing on the date of the initial Notice to Proceed, with four 1-year renewal options to be exercised by the Director of Public Works, with an additional 6-month extension to be issued at the discretion of the Director of Public Works. The agreements shall not exceed a \$1,500,000 fee for each agreement with the combined aggregate, maximum annual cost of the entire program not to exceed \$12,000,000.

## **PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

The purpose of the recommended actions is to authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to execute eight consultant services agreements for as-needed environmental assessment and remediation services so that the Department of Public Works (Public Works), and other County of Los Angeles (County) Departments that Public Works serves, will be able to identify, assess, and remediate contamination encountered during project construction; perform environmental assessments for property acquisitions; perform biological and agronomic studies; comply with environmental regulations; and develop, maintain, and protect drinking water sources. To expand the ability to use these as-needed consultants on Federally funded projects, the Requests for Proposals (RFPs) were processed following Federal guidelines.

## **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs the provision of Operational Effectiveness (Goal 1), Community and Municipal Services (Goal 3), and Health and Mental Health (Goal 4). The agreements will allow Public Works to identify, assess, and mitigate environmental issues in an effective and timely manner and provide for the development of environmentally safe resources, infrastructure, and facilities for use by the County's residents and visitors.

## **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

There is no impact to the County General Fund.

Each of the eight agreements is part of the entire program. The entire program is for a combined aggregate maximum annual amount of \$12,000,000 and will be funded by various funds from other County Departments and funds that are under the purview of Public Works including Road, Flood Control District, Waterworks Districts, Sewer Maintenance Districts, Street Lighting Districts, Aviation, Proposition C Local Return, and General funds approved for use on capital projects infrastructure. This amount represents Public Works' estimated annual cost to perform these as-needed services. Should additional work be required that exceeds the amount authorized, Public Works will return to your Board for approval. The agreements will provide as-needed environmental assessment and remediation services for a 1-year period commencing on the date of the initial Notice to Proceed, with four 1-year renewal options. Since this work may be requested on an as-needed basis and may be from various funds, work will not be authorized without first ascertaining that funds are available.

## **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

The agreements will be in the form previously reviewed and approved by County Counsel. The recommended agreements were solicited on an open-competitive basis and are in accordance with applicable Federal, State, and County requirements. The consultants are in compliance with the requirements of the Chief Executive Office and your Board.

The award of the agreements will not result in unauthorized disclosure of confidential information and will be in full compliance with Federal, State, and County regulations. The agreements contain terms and conditions supporting your Board's ordinances, policies, and programs including, but not limited to: the County's Greater Avenues for Independence and General Relief Opportunities for

Work Programs (GAIN and GROW), Board Policy No. 5.050; Contract Language to Assist in Placement of Displaced County Workers, Board Policy No. 5.110; Reporting of Improper Solicitations, Board Policy No. 5.060; Notice to Contract Employees of Newborn Abandonment Law (Safely Surrendered Baby Law), Board Policy No. 5.135; Contractor Employee Jury Service Program, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.203; Notice to Employees Regarding the Federal Earned Income Credit (Federal Income Tax Law, Internal Revenue Service Notice 1015); Contractor Responsibility and Debarment, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.202; the County's Child Support Compliance Program, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.200; the County's Defaulted Property Tax Reduction Program Ordinance, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.206; and the standard Board-directed clauses that provide for contract termination or renegotiation.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

These services are categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). These services are within a class of work that has been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment in that they meet the criteria set forth in Sections 15304, 15306, and 15330 of CEQA Guidelines.

## **CONTRACTING PROCESS**

On August 31, 2010, Public Works issued an RFP for as-needed environmental assessment and remediation services. Twenty-nine firms responded to the RFP on or before September 28, 2010, with 28 of these firms passing the initial evaluation. The consultants' proposals were evaluated by a panel of members from Public Works. The panel members evaluated these proposals based on technical expertise, experience, personnel qualifications, and understanding of the work requirements. These evaluations were completed without regard to race, creed, color, or gender and in accordance with the informed averaging methodology.

Based on the review and evaluations of these proposals, Public Works selected Coffey Environments, Inc.; Frey Environmental, Inc.; Geocon West, Inc.; Leighton Consulting, Inc.; Tetra Tech, Inc.; TRC Solutions, Inc.; URS Corporation Americas; and Worley Parsons Group, Inc., as the best qualified firms to perform the required services.

As requested by your Board on February 3, 1998, these agreement opportunities were listed on the County's "Doing Business with Us" website. A copy of the website posting is enclosed for your reference.

Participation in the program by Community Business Enterprises (CBE) is encouraged through the Public Works' CBE Outreach Program, and the requirement that consultants demonstrate their good faith efforts to utilize CBEs. Coffey Environments, Inc.; Frey Environmental, Inc.; Geocon West, Inc.; Leighton Consulting, Inc.; Tetra Tech, Inc.; TRC Solutions, Inc.; URS Corporation Americas; and Worley Parsons Group, Inc., are aware of Public Works' CBE Outreach Program. Their proposed CBE participation is on file with Public Works.

The recommended agreements with Coffey Environments, Inc.; Frey Environmental, Inc.; Geocon West, Inc.; Leighton Consulting, Inc.; Tetra Tech, Inc.; TRC Solutions, Inc.; URS Corporation Americas; and Worley Parsons Group, Inc., will include a Cost of Living Adjustment provision in accordance with your Board's policy that was approved on January 29, 2002.

All eight of the selected firms submitted proposals to perform as-needed consultant services for both Federally and non-Federally funded projects. Pursuant to Caltrans' Local Assistance Program Guidelines, consultant services agreements for such projects require a pre-award audit of the consultants' cost proposal and draft agreement. Public Works has submitted the draft consultant services agreements for the eight selected firms that proposed on Federally funded projects to Caltrans to perform the pre-award audit, and we anticipate Caltrans' response by mid-February 2011. If required, Public Works will amend the draft consultant services agreements to incorporate any additional requirements and/or conditions presented by Caltrans prior to execution of said agreements.

### **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

Awarding these consultant services agreements to Coffey Environments, Inc.; Frey Environmental, Inc.; Geocon West, Inc.; Leighton Consulting, Inc.; Tetra Tech, Inc.; TRC Solutions, Inc.; URS Corporation Americas; and Worley Parsons Group, Inc., will allow Public Works and other County Departments that Public Works serves, to continue to identify, assess, and remediate contamination encountered during project construction; perform environmental assessments for property acquisitions; perform biological and agronomic studies; comply with environmental regulations; and develop, maintain, and protect drinking water sources.

### **CONCLUSION**

Please return one adopted copy of this letter to the Department of Public Works, Geotechnical and Materials Engineering Division.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gail Farber".

GAIL FARBER  
Director

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Enclosures

c: Chief Executive Office (Rita Robinson)  
County Counsel  
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## Bid Information

Bid Number : GMED0831

Bid Title : As-Needed Environmental Assessment and Remediation Services

Bid Type : Service

Department : Public Works

Commodity : REMEDIATION SERVICES, ENVIRONMENTAL

Open Date : 8/31/2010

Closing Date : 9/28/2010 2:00 PM

Notice of Intent to Award : [View Detail](#)

Bid Amount : \$ 0.00

Bid Download : Not Available

**Bid Description :** The County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works is inviting proposals from qualified firms for As-Needed Environmental Assessment and Remediation Services.

The services shall be consistent with all such services that are customarily rendered when providing as-needed Environmental Assessment and Remediation Services, but not limited to, the following. It is not expected that each Consultant will be able to perform all of the services listed below. Specialization in a few of these services may be sufficient to meet Public Works' requirements.

- Conduct Phase I Environmental Site Assessments (ESAs) and prepare reports presenting the findings, conclusions, and recommendations resulting from the assessments.
- Prepare Initial Studies (ISs), Environmental Impact Reports (EIRs) and Environmental Impact Statements (EISs), in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act, and the National Environmental Policy Act, as well as in compliance with other applicable local, State, and Federal guidelines and standards, and Public Works' specifications.
- Conduct Preliminary Endangerment Assessments (PEAs) and prepare reports presenting the findings, conclusions, and recommendations resulting from the assessments.
- Conduct Phase II ESAs and prepare reports presenting the findings, conclusions, and recommendations resulting from the assessments.
- Conduct Risk Assessment Analyses (RAAs) and prepare reports presenting the findings, conclusions, and recommendations resulting from the analyses.
- Conduct Phase III environmental site remediations and prepare reports presenting the findings, conclusions, and recommendations resulting from the remediations.
- Collect soil, groundwater, and other material samples in accordance with ASTM and USEPA

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- Prepare, submit and process applications, reports, and other documents as required to obtain permits related to environmental projects or associated construction projects. These permits may include, but are not limited to, NPDES, AQMD, WDR, UST, encroachment, access, temporary construction, drilling, excavation, utility, and well construction/destruction permits.

- Provide air monitoring and record keeping as required by AQMD Rule 1166, and as requested by Public Works' specifications.

- Process and submit reimbursement packages to the State of California Underground Storage Tank Cleanup Fund.

- Conduct hydrogeologic and hydrologic investigations that include percolation and infiltration rate tests, aquifer tests (including aquifer capacity tests, pump tests, and slug tests), and other appropriate analyses and testing.

- Perform well and piezometer installations, rehabilitations, abandonments, and assessments.

- Perform geophysical surveys for utility clearance, identifying natural geologic structures, and locating manmade items, such as buried drums and storage tanks. Perform electric well logging and borehole geophysics.

- Perform agronomic studies for identifying soil conditions for proper special-purpose plant production.

- Perform biological assessments to evaluate the conditions of waterbodies using surveys and other direct measurements of resident biological organisms (macroinvertebrates, fish, and plants).

- Conduct asbestos and lead surveys, inventories, and assessments. Prepare assessment reports of findings, conclusions, and recommendations.

- Provide consultation, advice, alternatives, and recommendations to Public Works regarding environmental and related concerns.

The objective of this solicitation is to select up to eight firms that are best qualified to provide the requested services. The Contract term shall be for one year with four 1-year renewal options.

Proposal deadline is 09/28/2009, no later than 2:00 p.m.

All interested proposers please e-mail the person below to request for the RFP.

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